

ZION'S LEARN OUR WORLD IS FLAT

Voliva's Belief on 'Saucer
With Rim of Ice' Fed
to Children.

TEACHERS SUPPORT IT

Sun Smaller Than Earth
and Near at Hand, Is
Holding.

GLOBE IDEA DISLIKED

Plane Theory More Valuable
to Students—Test Proposed
for 'Doubters.'

Zion, Ill., Oct. 18.—Zion schools, of which Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of the colony, is president, have adopted his new theories of a flat world and the absence of gravitation. The 1,000 grade and high school pupils believe them implicitly, according to their teachers.

The public school maintained by the State Board of Education and attended by the children of non-members of Voliva's Christian-Catholic Apostolic Church still teaches, however, that the world is a globe moving through limitless space and that it was the attraction of gravity which caused the apple to fall on Isaac Newton's head.

At the Zion schools the new course of study insists that:

The earth is a flat circular world, with the north pole in the exact center, no south pole, and surrounded by a wall of ice which keeps venturesome mariners from falling off the rim.

That the earth has no motion, but remains stationary in space.

That the sun is not millions of miles in diameter and 91,000,000 miles away, but is really a little orb 32 miles across and only 3,000 miles from the earth.

That the law of gravitation is a fallacy and when objects are thrown into the air they continue to rise until the force which propelled them is expended, and then fall back to earth because they are heavier than air.

A standard map of the world, on Christopher's projection, is used in the schools to demonstrate the flat world theory. This map, which is by navigators and scientists in making time and longitude calculations, differs from the usual Mercator's projection familiar in other schools, in that it shows the earth as it would look to an observer directly above the North Pole, with the continents and seas projected on a flat plane.

As a result the north pole is in the center, and instead of a south pole the Antarctic regions are at the outer circumference of the circle. This ring, according to Voliva, is the ice barrier which keeps mariners from falling off the edge of his flat world.

The Christopher projection was made thirty years ago, prior to the discovery of the south pole and before much was known about the Antarctic regions, so only a bare outline of portions of the southern ice land is shown.

Miss Mary Thompson, principal of the Zion school system, and an ardent believer in the Voliva theories, has pronounced a question which she believes will trip scientists and navigators. Showing on her flat map that the tropic of Cancer, 43 degrees from the north pole, was a much smaller circle than the tropic of Capricorn, 47 degrees farther away, Miss Thompson says:

"Navigators on a globular earth would find it they were to sail completely around either of these tropics that they would be identical the same length. On a flat earth, however, the tropic of Capricorn would be much larger than the tropic of Cancer, and would take much longer to sail around, because on a flat-earth Cancer would be nearer the center, or north pole. Why don't some of the globular earth believers try sailing around the two tropics and find out whether they or we are correct? The globular people certainly can't prove curvature of the earth."

Miss Eva Baker, teacher of geography, demonstrates to her classes that the sun is only a tiny orb a few thousand miles away. Instead of an orb millions of miles in diameter and 91,000,000 miles from the earth.

If the sun were so large, she says, it would light up all the world. Instead of confining its hottest rays to a 3,000 mile wide belt between the two tropics, Voliva, himself, in a recent sermon at Shiloh Tabernacle, declared that the sun would not have made a sun to light the world and then placed it so far away.

"A man would be a fool," the overseer added, "to build a house in Zion and place his parlor light in Kenosha, Wis."

Miss Thompson, principal of the schools, says the children prefer their new flat world to the old fashioned round one in which Columbus believed.

"The students of Zion schools," she says, "grasp the theory of the flat earth readily because their minds are not full of globular earth teaching such as older folks have had drilled into them. Therefore they accept the flat earth teaching without questioning, not because they have no mind, but because it appeals to them as rational. I don't believe there is one student in the grades who has questioned it. The flat earth seems more reasonable to them. The globular seems unreal."

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who succeeded John Alexander Dowie as overseer of Zion on the latter's death in March, 1907, was born near Newton, Ind., March 11, 1870. In 1897 he received his B. A. from Hiram College, Ohio, and in the same year a degree from Union Christian College at Marion, Ind. In 1898 he had been ordained a minister in the Christian Church at the age of 19, and held a pastorate at Linden, Ind., from 1899 to 1902; Urbana, Ill., 1902-03; studied theology at Stanfordville, N. Y., 1903-04 and supplied the pulpit of Chestnut Street Christian Church at Albany, N. Y.; filled a pulpit at York Harbor, Me., the following year, and was pastor of the Christian Church at Washington Court House, Ohio, in 1907-08.

In 1899 Voliva joined Dowie's church and was ordained an elder and placed in charge of the Zion Tabernacle in Chicago.

EX-BALLPLAYER ACCUSED.

Providence, Oct. 18.—William (Wild Bill) Glenn, fifteen years ago shortstop on the Boston Red Sox baseball team, was in the Superior Court today to plead to two Grand Jury indictments charging him with breaking and entering and conspiracy to rob. He denied both charges and was held in bail aggregating \$7,500 for trial October 31.

Glenn with others is alleged to have broken into the Glengarry Mills at Burlingtonville last June and to have stolen valuable cloth.

WINTER WILL BE COLD, RAIL EXPERT PREDICTS

Dr. P. A. Dudley, Consulting Engineer of New York Central, Bases Belief on Tendency of Temperature to Equalize Itself on the Average.

Dr. P. H. Dudley, consulting engineer to that department of the New York Central Railroad which is responsible for rails, ties and steel structure generally—all of which is as responsive to heat and cold as an aeolian harp is to wind—made up his forecast for the winter yesterday and predicted that it would be cold.

He has served the railroad in this fashion for the last dozen years and has called the turn so far in his predictions. When weather is freezing rails are affected greatly, and when rails are affected so is the whole railroad system.

In his report yesterday Dr. Dudley set forth that it was almost certain to be cold, because last winter and all of this year so far has been away from normal in temperature, and figures for forty years, on which Dr. Dudley relies for this and other years to come, bear out the theory that when temperature is either above or below what it should be for any length of time equalization is bound to set in.

"The accumulated excess of temperatures above the monthly normal for the nine months of 1921," he said, "are the highest in ten years. So far the records show an excess of about 1,300 degrees, or about four degrees."

**FUSION ASKS FUNDS
TO 'SAVE NEW YORK'**

Coalition Campaign 'Broke'
and With Expenses Piling
Up Each Day.

An appeal for funds for the coalition campaign was sent out yesterday over the names of Representative Ogden L. Mills, chairman of the finance committee, and H. B. Rosen, vice-president of the Harriman National Bank, treasurer.

"The truth is," said Mr. Mills, "we are broke. We haven't got a cent, while expenses are piling up all the time. We want to start what I would call a 'save New York fund.' We are not going to try to raise a big fund. We have no expectation of raising any such fund as appears to be available for the Hylan ticket. Most business men have suffered large losses in the last year and are hard up, but if Police Commissioner Enright and former Inspector Hughes are a few samples of the properly enjoyed by the appointees and associates of the present 'business' administration in the City Hall Mr. Hylan's promotion fund should be ample."

President Curran said yesterday he had received no answer from Mayor Hylan to his offer to debate the issues with him. He was enthusiastic over his reception in the Bronx on Monday night when he first started his sledge hammer drives against Hylan. Asked what he thought of the testimony regarding the bank accounts of Commissioner Enright before the Meyer committee on Monday, Mr. Curran replied: "He may be speculating in corner lots in Japan," referring to the testimony of the late Inspector Alec Williams before the November 7.

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GILROY PINS SCHOOL FAILURES ON Hylan

Present System Worse Than
Garyized, He Says, as
Parents Cheer.

"Four years ago Mayor Hylan went about warning the people of this city what an evil thing it would be to subject their children to education under the Gary system," cried Vincent Gilroy, coalition candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen, in two speeches last night.

"He declared that the Gary system was the tool of the capitalist class to breed generations of mill and factory workers; that it was undemocratic and that it deprived the youth of America of his chance to rise above his environment. I helped Hylan fight the Gary system."

"Yet to-day this same Hylan has brought the affairs of this city to a pass where our school system is infinitely worse off than though it were Garyized. One-third of our children are getting either no education at all or a makeshift education that is about equivalent to none. These unfortunate children are not educated to go into the mill, the factory or anywhere else. They are being left in the utter dark."

"And this because of the inefficiency of a man who promised a seat in school for every child."

"I will not admit these conditions. I have been told that in the schools where the conditions are worst—where the children are crowded into suffocation and where they are forced to sit in unsanitary rooms—the teachers have been called together and instructed that they must help Mayor Hylan cover up this ghastly state of affairs. How?"

"They have been told that every visitor day they are to take so many children out into the streets and lead them on long walks, leaving behind in the classrooms only the normal number of children. And then, although the visitors know that the schools are overcrowded, they do not actually see the overcrowding. Mayor Hylan hopes they will go away from these schools thinking that after all conditions must have been exaggerated by the newspapers and the investigators, inasmuch as they saw no such sardine box situation."

Mr. Gilroy spoke at a huge open air meeting at 137th street and Broadway and in the Flatbush Congregational Church, Eighteenth street and Dorchester road, Brooklyn. In both places he received enthusiastic applause. In the afternoon he addressed a meeting at the Young Republican Club, 882 Broadway and at the Colony Club at the latter place he warned the women who will be watchers at the polls to beware of the sundry efforts of certain elements to perpetrate frauds.

At all his meetings he continued his attacks on Charles F. Murphy. The present Democratic organization in this city, he said, is not a part of the national Democratic party. Rather, he continued, it is "solely an incident in the career of Murphy."

"Murphy rules it just as the Czar ruled the millions in Russia before the revolution," he went on. "It is up to the voters to destroy the desperate and sinister influence that has wrecked the Democratic party here. Hylan has but one office himself and Murphy placed him in it. Murphy dictates all of the administration appointments, and if he chose he could to-morrow break Hylan as he broke Sulzer."

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I supported him. I was deluded by his promises. He has broken every pledge he made and has surrendered himself completely to the dominating influence of Murphy. Hylan's list of commissioners is dominated by Tammany leaders who cringingly acknowledge the leadership of Murphy. They are nothing more than his office boys."

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